

HCBS Reform Community Forums

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Comments/Questions/Input

- Don't like the ICAP tool and/or the CAT
- Concern about veterans with SMI and incarceration rate, wonder where this population fits in the reform big picture
- DPA isn't responsive to those who try to help seniors apply for Medicaid eligibility; paper applications are backed up, DPA doesn't answer phones, and online application system isn't appropriate for all seniors- frustrating to try to help vulnerable population when can't even get through step one. Told by DPA that it is a 3 month wait for application processing but it's longer. Medicaid website not updated much and when a person calls the 1-800 number, the case numbers often don't match up, or they don't have information on the person.
- Will the reform efforts make it harder for people to meet eligibility for programs and services?
- During assessments, the assessor often doesn't want to hear from family members and/or CC, they want to hear from the person directly. This is good person centered practice for some topics like personal goals, etc, but for behaviors it is often the people most close to them that can give the most accurate answers. Assessment should be a data collection process with review of medical records, CIRs, observations and responses from the individual and their care givers. All should be gathered, weighed and put into the scoring process.
- Interested to see how other states have implemented 1915 K and if they were successful